OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

"Thou Art the Helper of the Fatherless."—Psalm 10:14.

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LILIES AMONG THE WHEAT

By Marion Harland

An old Pastor said it. There is no reason why his name should not be linked with the phrase. Dr. M. D. Hoge, for fifty-four years the pastor of Second Presbyterian church in Richmond, Virginia—his first and only charge—was so widely known throughout the churchea, North and South, that the utterance should win respect for my theme.

A mother, meeting him at the close of the morning service, "Hoped her little ones had not disturbed him?"

"On the contrary, they behave so well that they might set an example to some older peopl ," he answered brightly. "I thank you for bringing them. I like to see the lilies among the wheat."

That was forty years ago.

The rector of a prominent Episcopal church in New York called upon a parishioner purposely to thank her for bringing her three sons to church regularly.

"It is a goodly sight, such as rarely refreshes my eyes nowadays," he added. "Family church going is slipping out of fashion."

"LILIES" BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM THE WHEAT

"Lilies among the wheat!" The phrase recurred to me with sardonic emphasis utterly foreign to the original meaning last Sunday in passing the open doors of a chapel at the conclusion of the Sunday school exercises. The sidewalks were filled with the "lilies" in clusters and in steamers—al leading away from the adjacent church into which the wheat was flowing. In unfiguative language the children were scattering in every direction except toward the courts of the Lord, meeting on the way their parents and other adult worshipers. At least 50 per cent of the outing crowd were over 12 years of age. At the foot of the steps two girls, who could not have been under 14, were talking excitedly and so loudly that we could not help catching the purport of the conversation.

"I tell you again" this from the elder and more sober-looking of the twain—"that you walk too much with the boys!"

The other laughed. "I don't care! It's nice! And I'm going to do it every Sunday morning!"

A lad of 16 ran down the steps to join her as she said it They set off up the street together the menton looking disapprovingly after them.

"I wonder what most of the children do while their parents are in church?" said I to an invalid friend in recounting the incident. "All the girls don't walk with all the boys."

The "shut-in" pointed through the widow to a spacious tennis court opposite.

"I should know when Sunday school is out if I had no other time-piece. Bible and library books are piled in a corner and the courts are all occupied by Sunday school boys and girls. Vacant lots have their baseball and football games. Lesser children—mere babies—run wild in the streets or if they go home are left to the care—or neglect—of servants. It is a complex problem!"

"It was not one in your young days and in mine."

"Times have changed—and opinions with them. Parents reason now that children who have sat through the exercises of the Sunday school would find the regular church service, including a sermon they do not understand too much for them. There may be something in that."

"Yet"—I could not help saying—"we are told that the race has gained marvelously in physical strength within the last half century. We were not injured by services twice as long and twice as many."

In perhaps three-quarters of our churches humanity and churchliness have compromised upon the "children's sermon" which preceds the discourse intended for the edification of seniors It is, a rule short sweet and easy of digestion. The infant band of hope, and presumably of promise, are marshaled into front seats reserved for them. Children of a large growth are scattered sparely through the pews. sitting with their parents or elsewhere as the humor seizes them. When what an irreverent collegian who was not used at home to children's sermons, calls "prefactory Pap" has been administered to the fidgety youngstes they arise—one and all—and scurry down the aisles to the door. Often mother, or grown sister now and then a careful father, must accompany them to homes where no nusary maid is kept. To quote again from the saucy youth to whom the exhibition is a novelty: We read, 'And a little child shall lead them.' One small boy led three grown-ups last Sunday."

Recalling the days that are no more, when Christan mothers saw their lambs folded like the flocks in family pews, learning gradually, but surely and easily that the church of their fathers is the very house of God and to loving faithful souls the very gate of heaven— I ask myself in looking upon these modern mothers if they are as tranquil in spirit as their conventional quiet would indicate. Do no speculations as to how boisterous boys and giddy girls are spending the holy hours thrust themselves between their eyes and hymn book and psalter? When the children of the convent are named in the prayer is there no twitch of the heartstrings?"

During the tercentennial celebration of the puplication of the English Bibie I heard an eminent clergyman regret the increasing ignorance of the text of the Holy Scriptures on the part of our educated young people. He pressed his fingers hard upon the open ulcer none of us can ignore.

"And this too in an age when Sunday school work has been brought more nearly to perfection than ever before in the history of the church!"

DECADENCE OF "RELIGION OF THE FAMILY"

In his judgment the fault lies in the decadence of what we used to define as "the religion of the family." Parents are prone to relegate the spiritual education of their offspring to teachers; practical piety is never named.

He was right—and the half was not told, Yet, as I harkened and assented inly to every word, in following the course of the services, must hear at least two chapters of the sacred word read every Sunday and join in responsive reading of the psalms inevitably if unconsciously taking in by mental cuticular absorption Scripture history and divine teachings.

Recurring—tentatively—to the children's sermon approved by wiser and better judges than I of what is right and reverent, has the intellect of the average boy or girl become so enfeebled within a generation as to require systematic dilution, modifying, pastearizing, of the sincere milk of the word to suit it to their spiritual digestion?

Is the soil which produces the finest of the weat too strong for lilies?

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Suffer one more and a homely illustration: Those having in charge public parks in which gray squirrels are domesticated into city pets have issued requests that visitors shall not feed the animals with peanuts or the kernels of other nuts. The rodents were made to crack hard shells with their teeth in order to reach their natural nourishment. If pampered by subsisting upon soft food, their teeth will gradually lose hardness and strength and decay into uselessness.

I think of the interdict whenever I hear the children'a sermon, and watch their eager fligh to the exit doors before the serious part of the morning service begins.

Must the child, who on weekdays studies according to the curriculum of our primary department of public schools, or who is "taking" French and music in private seminaries, have the nursing bottle on Sunday? Judicious mothers now enjoin upon their children the duty of masticating breakfast cereals, however tender they may be. The act is good for the teeth and for the digestive organs. Carry out, as judiciously, the analogy between bodily and mental functions, they impress upon the growing child the basal truth that the mind grows vigorous throuh exercise; that the effort of studying hard lessons is a means to an end.

A collect for the second Sunday in Advent is a common quotation in the mouths of many who never concern themselves as the origin of the words.

"Grant that we may in such wise hear them" (the scriptures), "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them."

There is here no intimation that the holy word should be macerated into "prefatory pap" and administered in homeopeatic quanities.

Rising in the scale of ecclesiastical authorities, we do well to "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" the last messages of love addressed by the chiefest of apostles to his adopted son:

"Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned, and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

Secular papers have taken a lively part in discussing the problem, "Why people do not go to church," which has vexed sore the souls of the faithful for a decade and more. According to some, the clergy are in fault. Secular dogmatists affirm that preachers are left behind by "live thinkers," the stubbornly orthodox will have it that pulpit orators desecrate the office by preaching of munidipal reforms and political platforms and scientific discoveries to the exclusion of the vital doctrines of human depravity and the one and only way of salvation for a ruined race. Others expatiate upon the growing license of pleasure-seeking multitudes who desert the sanctuary for holiday games, excursions and other varieties of "worldly" amusement.

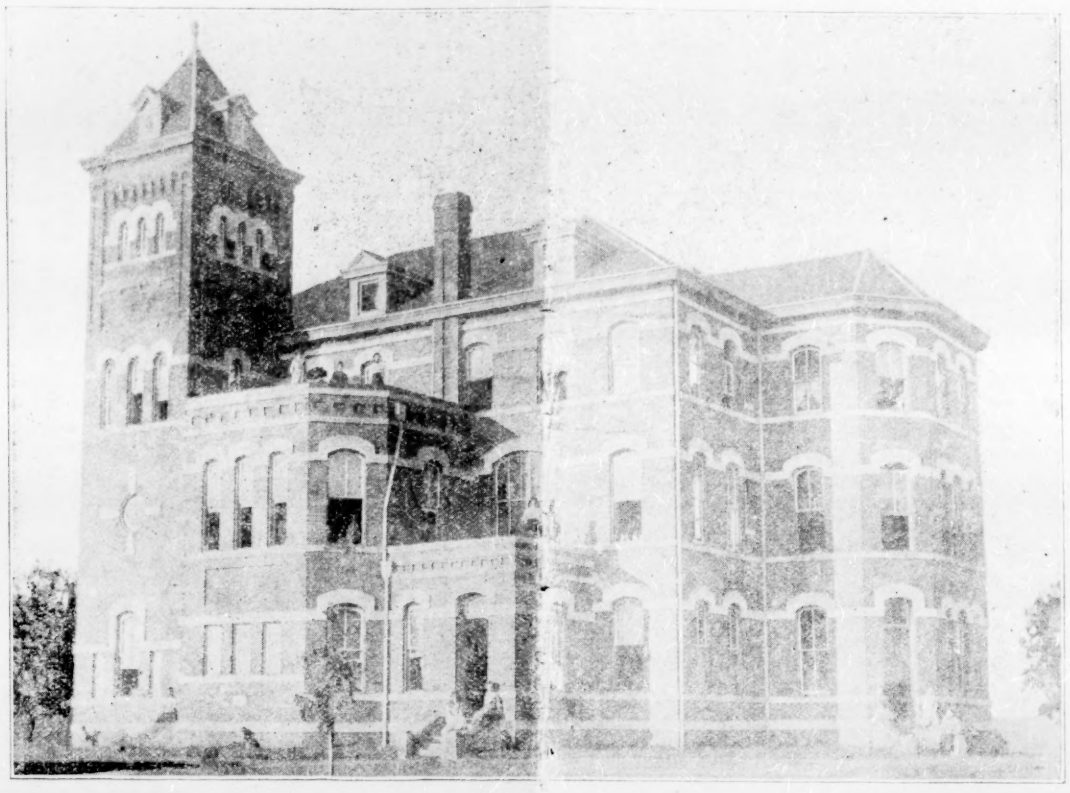
To me, as a laywoman and steady churchgoer, the simplest explanation of the problem, "Why our young people do not go to church," is that they are not trained to it from their infancy up. The church is none of their affair until they are almost grown, and then it is too late as a rule to recast taste and change the habits of years. It is no longer "our church" by the time they can demean themselves decorously in the family pew In the far away ages to which we of the hoary heads hark back with the tender reference, it was esteemed a distinction to be prized when each of us was adjudged old enough to attend church. "Grown-ups," in neighboring pews congratulated us upon it and commended our "pretty church manners." To misbehave during a service was a disgrace; to carry home the text, and by and by a scrap of the sermon, was honor indeed. Choir, organ, minister—were our property. His loss is irrevocable who has not the holy and tender memories of the old-time Sundays that were ours.

Our mothers used to sing a ball d fashionable in that simple day to music thin, but tuneful:

Who filled the church with faces meek
A hundred years ago?"

The question that moves us to grave speculation is "Who will fill our churches fifty years from now?"

RUMPLE HALL



With "Annie Louise" and Synod's Cottage full to overflowing and the overflow lodged at the Infirmary, the determination to build a more spacious Central building took shape and the Corner stone of this building bears date 1897. It was a glad day when the friends of the home gathered here to dedicate this stately building. A name had not been decided on for it, and when some one asked, "What shall we call it?" Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, who had been a yoke fellow with Dr. Rumple in the work of planting the orphanage, was inspired to say, Let us call it "Rumple Hall."

The inspiration caught, and by acclamination the building was thus named. To those who are familar with Dr. Rumple's devoted labors in behalf of our Orphanage the name of this building is singularly appropriate. In this building is the centre of life in the Orphanage; so was Dr. Rumple's life, largely centered in the success of this wonderful work of the church; and we have especially in Rumple Hall a splendid memoriel of his loving work.

Here the children are daily fed and here they are daily taught, and when they go hence to meet the responsibilities of life in memory, they will hark back to the days they spent beneath the roof of Rumple Hall, as days of golden opportunity!

PRAYER.

O Lord, bless us now. Remember all who may be in our hearts. Keep and bless them as they may need. Be with all those who are trying to do thy will. Lead them into a more perfect knowledge of it, and may we who profess and call ourselves Christians be as lights in the world, not only by our words, but yet more by the tenor of our lives that we may not need to speak anything; and that men may take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus. With like blessings, O Lord, visit all Christain communities. We pray for all our brethren in all lands and churches and for Thy hidden ones whom Thou only knowest; and we beseech Thee that the gathered power of Thy people may tell more and more on the life of individuals, and of the nation in our own and other lands Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

BIRDS AS SHE SEES THEM.

From Suburban Life comes this smalls highly original essay on "Birds":

'Birds are a small sort of chickens that live in dolls' houses set on a pole, and eat crumbs if anybody gives them some. I don't know what becomes of them in winter, but I guess lots die. The happiest bird is a canary when its folks are good to it, and the cat can't get upstairs, which it mostly does. But this bird lives in a cage, with a cloth at the bottom to keep him from spilling seed, and one on top so that he won't sing down the company when they talk. I am glad that I'm not a bird, because the most I'm kept in is Wednesday afternoon for spilling ink. Wednesday is writing day."

THE ORIGIN OF VALENTINE DAY.

Like many of our other fate days, Valentine Day is of ancient origin. The people of Europe have celebrated this day since the time of the Romans. For many centuries it was known as St. Valentine's Day, which name has persisted even to the present though we have come to skeak of it more commonly, simply as Valentine Day.

The observance of Fourteenth of Febuary had its origin in an ancient Roman custom. The word Febuary comes from two Latin words, and means "to purify by sacrifice." During month of Febuary the Romans held their great feast of purification, at which sacrifices were offered for the purification of their homes. After the ceremonies it was the custom of the young people to engage in games. One of the most popular of the games which they played on this day was somewhat similar to some of the modern valentine customs, and in fact, the present customs are undoubtedly a development of the ancient Roman game. In this game the names of the girls were placed in a box and the boys drew them out. Each boy considered himself the special knight, for the next year of the girl he had drawn.

While such was the real origin of the celebration it later became merged with a Christian feast day, sacred to Saint Valentine and so called St. Valentine's Day. There were many Saint Valentines, but the one whose connection with this celebration is most distinct lived during the third century of the Christian era, Early legend and histroy tell us that he was arraigned before the Roman judge, Asteruis, charged with preaching the doctrine of Christianity. It was at this time that the Christains were being persecuted by the Roman Emperors. But the Roman judge was much affected by St. Valentine's preaching and when sight was restored to his blind daughter as a result of St. Valentine's minisrations, Asteruis and all his family accepted Christianitv. St. Valentine did not escape martyrdom however. as he was beheaded by the Emperor Claudius two years later. But he was never forgotton and, because of his miracle and martyrdom, was classed among the saints. As it was related that his execution took place on February fourteenth that day was set aside in his memory by the early churchmen.

The ancient Roman festival was held on the fifteenth of February and, when Rome became Christianized, the feast of purification and the exercises in memory of St. Valentine's were blended into one festival. It was held on the anniversary of St. Valentine's death but partook largely of the nature of the Roman feast. The sacrifices were omitted and it became more a festival of love and kindness.

From Rome the festival spread throughout Europe. As France had a St. Valentine of her own his memory also became attached to the celebration. The French St. Valentine is said to have lived during the twelfth centnry and he also is credited with having performed a miracle.

In the fifteenth century St. Valentine's Day was especially popular in court circles in England, Scotland and France. Bachelors and spinsters would meet at social gatherings and the names of the women would be placed in baskets and drawn out by the men in accordance with the old Roman custom. At a later period men who desired to be relieved from especial devotion to the women whom they had drawn, gaving presents on St. Valentine's Day came into existence.

Our forefathers who came from England, Scotland and France brought the custom to America where it has long been celebrated. Here, too, we have parties but the sending of valentines is the most usual

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"IDLE COMMENT"

This is the title of a book that has been published as a memorial to the talent and genius of its author the late lamented Isaac Erwin Avery.

During Avery's connection with the Charlotte Observer, he gave off amid the grind of editorial duty, gems of thought, that his friends and admirers were sure would live, and the reading public thank them for their determent, and we have those thoughts in buckram.

How Avery opened up before su a human picture gallery, and his characters stand out as living creatures. He takes the every day grind of "the printing office, and glorifies it, from Howard A. Banks of "the night gang," to Dick Allen the red headed fore man, and "the little bit of a chap" who sells the morning Observer on the street. He does'nt even forget "the fat boy" who works around the engine in the basement. His sketchs of "the devil and the eel, is inumitable.

His "Character Sketches" are just living pictures of men living and dead, and his snapshots of Romulus Z. Luiney, Pro. Dugger, Governor Aycock, Walter Page, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, Minister Wm. Major Steadman, Rev. Geo. H. Atkinson; bring up before you men who have done things: men who are doing things.

His "negro types" are so homey and familiar to all of us who knew the negro in those days when "little Henry," Aunt Cynthia, and Major Jim Fox lived, that we are just shaking hands again, with old time darkies.

"Woman and her world," gives forth some very graphic pictures of different sorts of women in the world, ' The Tacklees woman: "The flirt" "An Enigna and The new woman" are all dealt with and some times the pen sheds ink with a tang to it. He even deals with "the art of kissing," and even to wearing flowers. The fact is, he runs the whole gaunt of woman's character and fancies, and there is much food for thought in all he says.

His "reflections on life anp death are. many of them, profound gems out of the mine of experience.

The fact is there is but one way of getting at an estimate of the value of "Idle comments." Go and get a copy of it, and reed it.

WHO IS DAVID LYALL?

The readers of Our Fatherless Ones have for more than two years had the pleasure of reading (if they have read them) some of the best short stories that have been written by any one, any where. We look upon David Lyall as a very worthy suceessor to Ian McLarin who was looked upon in his day, as "a rare find." The question is who is David Lyall? All we know of him is that he seems to be a discovery of that prince of Editors, and most gifted writer, Sir Robinson Nicholl the Editor of "The British Weekly."

We look for our paper each week with eagerness, and seize upon anything we see there that bears the signature of David Lyall or Evelyn Orchard. We know these gifted Authors only through their writings but feel that they are already old friends.

AN UNUSUAL SOCIAL AFFAIR.

In the good city of Charlotte there is located the Central plant of one of the largest chains of Dry goods houses in the South and certainly the largest in the Carolinas.

The Belk Bros. who are at the head of ten stores located in thriving cities and towns in North and South Carolina gave, on last Thanksgiving day, a Banquet at the Selwyn Hotel Charlotte, where 300 out of 400 employees of their ten establishments, partook of good cheer and had a grand social time.

Many of those who were present on this occasion, are warm friends and supporters of Our Orphanage and we take great pleasure in publishing the following account of this Banqoet which we copy from "The Dry Goods Economist."

TEN STORES' BANQUET

BELK BROTHERS ENTERTAIN STAFFS OF THEIR NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA SHOPS

The Belk brothers, who are at the head of ten stores in North and South Carolina, as follows: Belk Brothers, Charlotte, N. C.; W. H. Belk & Bro., Monroe, N. C.; the Brown-Belk Co., Greensboro, N. C.; the Parks-Belk Co., Concord, N. C.; the J. M. Belk Co., Gastonia, N. C.; the R. J. Belk Co., W xhaw, N. C.; the Belk-Harry Co., Salisbury N. C.; the Williams-Belk Co., Sanford, N. C., Belk Brothers, Statesville, N. C.; and the Kirkpatric-Belk Co., Yorkville, S. C., gave a banquet on Thanksgiving Day at which three hundred out of the four hundred employees of the affiliated establishment were present. The banquet was held at a Charlotte hotel.

G. H. McDonald, manager of the Charlotte store, acted as toastmaster. and, in introduting W. H. Belk, the directing head of the Belk brothers' enterprises, referred to the growth of the business during the last twenty-five years.

Mr. Belk said that the day was a fitting one for the different etablishments to get together both for good fellow-ship and for better acquaintance with each other. He continued: "While I stand at the head of our great commercial enterprise, each one of you form a distinct and intergral part of it, and whatever success may have been achieved for the enterprise has been made possible largely by your work and co-operation. I desire here and now to credit each of you with your part and to thank you for what you have done in building up this business to its present proportions." Mr. Belk expressed his warm regard for each and every employee. "I hope that the future," he continued, "has in store for you nothing but pleasure and happiness."

Dr. J. M. Belk then spoke on "The Growth of Our Business." In the course of his address he said that all business to-day is recognized as a profession and should be mastered as such. His firm, he continued had always recognized its indebtedness to a community in which it suceeded and attempted to give back a portion of its profits in money and in influence.

B. F. Matthews had for his toast "Our Business Future." Eight short talks on the management of the business were then made by the manegers of the stores. The closing speech was made by Frank R. McNinch, attorney for the firm.

THE BOYHOOD OF JAMES KNOX POLK

Large families were so commonly the rule in the early days of our country and of our republic, that one is not surprised to know that James Knox Polk was one of ten children. He was born in Mecklenburg Country, North Carolina, on the second day of November in the year 1795. The boy James the eldest son of his father. The father of James Knox Polk was a farmer of whom one reads: "Thrown upon his own resources in early life, he became the arceitect of his own fortunes." Being thrown upon one's own resourcess and having to be the architect of one's own fortunes is not the worst thing that can happen to a boy. Samuel Polk has the incedtive of sharp necessity to compel him to do his best for himself when a boy and many of the strong traits of this self-developed character seem to have cropped out in his son James.

To Colonenl Thomas Polk, an uncle of James Knox Polk, belong the distinction of having stood on the courthouse steps in Charlotte Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, and deliverered a declaration of independance that antedates our famous Declaration that we celeberate on the Fourth of July. Thls is known as the "Mecklenburg Declaration." A convention was being held in Charlotte on the 19th of May, 1775, when word was received of the shedding of the first blood of the Revolution at the Battle of Lexington. Resolutions were adopted by the convention and the uncle of President James Knox Polk stood on the steps of the court house and read a resolution declaring that "we the citizens of Mecklenburg Country, do hereby absolve ourselves from all allegiance to the British crown and that we do hereby declare ourselves a free and independent people."

This, however, was but the declaration of the people of a county and was therefore of less importance than the national Declaration that come later.

Of the early life of James K. Polk we read: "Very early in life James developed a taste for reading and expressed the strongest desire to obtain a liberal education. His mother's training had rendered him methodical in his habits and taught him punctuality ynd industry and had inspired him with lofty principals of morality. James in the common schools rapidly became proficient in all the branches of an English education. His health was frail; and his father fearing that he might not be able to endure a sedentary life got a situation for him behind the counter hoping to fit him for commercial pursuits. This was to James a bitter dissadpointment. He had no taste for these duties and his daily tasks were irksome in the extreme."

Young Polk was at this time a boy of about seventeen years. His father had before this time left North Carolina and had located in Maury County, Tennessee, several hundred miles from his old home .The new home was in what was then a wilderness and there was no lack of work for every member of the family. The older Polk added surveying to farming and his son James was his companion on many of his surveying trips. It was a healthful, outdoor life that the boy led, and it was probably the best kind of life for him But that education being kept very busy in his bonnet or cap. As he did not easily relinquish a purpose once it was formed, and as his father was anxious to do the best he could for the boy he was sent to Murfreesborough Academy when he was eighteen years old- Here he was exceedingly happy and devoted himself to his studies with the utmost ardor. He progressed so well that within about two years he was ready to enter the University of North Carolina, where he was such a faithful student that one of his fellow students was wont to say of the absolute certainly of anything that it was that "Polk will get up at the first call."

Indeed young Polk was such an exempiary student in every respect that he had more or less fun poked at him because of his rigid adherence to duty. The result of this close application was that he was graduated in the year 1818 with the distinction of being the best scholar in his class Like some other over-ambitious and over-studious college boys, young Polk had injured his health by too close application, and was obliged to "rest up" for some time after his graduation. Then he began the study of law in Nashville in the office of Mr. Felix Grundy who was one of the most noted lawyers of that day. Here young Polk and Andrew Jackson made still stronger a friendship they had previously formed and that lasted until Mr, Jackson's death. Young Polk took up the study of law with the same zeal with which he had applied himself to his studies while he was in college. He developed such oratorical powers that he was sometimes called the "Napoleon of the Stump." He had many qualities that made him popular, and his friends were legion. He had good training fof the Presieency of the United States. He was a member of the Tennessee legislature when he was twenty-eight years of age. Then he became a member of Congress, and later was excellent prepration for the Write House, and when he went to live there as the eleventh President of the United States he was well equipped for the duties that awaited him.

WHY JOIN THE CHURCH

1. Christ is a part of the church and loves it—so should I. Ephesians 5:22-27.

2. Church membership honors Christ: (1) By confessing him before men. Matthew 10:32. (2) By observing his commands. 1. Corinthians 11:23 36.

3. The church helps me to grow better: (1) By its teaching and worship. Colossians 1:27,28; 11. Corinthians 3:38, (2) By its friendships and service. John 15:12-16.

4. The church is the body of Christ; that is, the organization through which he would fill the world with his life and likeness. Therefore I ought to be in it to help make the world better. Ephesians 1:22,23.

5. If I do not join, my example keeps others out. Matthew 23:13.

6. I may join if I will Revelation 22:17.

"Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!"

Their Verdict

"Fetch the body," ordered the foreman of a Texas coroner's jury.

The body was laid before them. The jury made a careful examination and questioned the attending surgeon.

"Whar was he short?"

"Square through the heart."

"Dead in the center o' the heart?"

"Righ in the center."

"Who shot him?"

"Jake Daniels.',

A dozen witnesses declared that Jake fired the shot, and Jake himself admitted it. The jury consulted softly for some time.

"Well, gentleman of the jury," said the coroner, "what's your verdict?"

"Waal, Jedge," answered the foreman, "we've come to the conclusion that Jake Daniels is the dandiest shot in these parts, and don't you forgit it."

THE DEACON'S CONTRIBUTION.

A COLORED preacher of Richmond recently "exchanged" with a brother divine in an Alabama town. Shortly after the assumption of his new charge the Richmond minister was much scandalized by the action of one, Deacon Smith, who in the vestry after service was observed deliberately to withdraw a 50-cts piece from the contribution box and to substitute therefor a dime.

"Deacon Smith!" exclaimed the newcomer. "This is downright dishonesty!"

"Deacon Smith was in nowise perturbed. "It isn't nothin' of de kind, pastor," said he, quite conscious of his own rectitude. "De fact is Ise led off with dat half-dollar for six years. It ain't on contribution; It's a temperary loan as a decoy!"

"Do NUTS grow on tress, Father?" asked Charley as he was eating the Christmas dessert.

"They do, my son."

"Well, on what does the the doughnut grow?"

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THURSDAY, January 30. 1913

HOME HAPPENINGS

ERRORS CORRECTED

In writing about the different buildings we wish to correct two mistatements. One was, as to the exact time of day that the Old Inn was burned. We got the idea that it was in the morning, from an account of it we read several years ago.

We are informed by Mr. Tom Lippard and Mr. Moize, that the fire occured between one and two O'clock in the day. Mr. Lippard says "I recollect distinctly for I was plowing near the Infirmary and heard the alarm of fire and ran to help."

The other misstatement was, that Dr. Boyd's family lived in "Annie Louise" Cottage, it was in Synod's Cottage they made their home until the superintendents Cottage was built. We like to have facts straight.

We mentioned in an Editorial last week that the Oxford Orphanage was about the largest in the State, Bro Johnson calls us down saying that the Thomasville orphanage "passed her sister at oxford long ago and is now only second in size in the whole South." We gladly make the Correction, and now that Thomasville has another hundred thansand dollars property, and expects to occupy it soon we have no doubt that their work will be ahead of anything in the South.

We wish them all success and will do our best to follow in their footsteps.

We have received from 'the Good Road Association of N. C. A circular calling attention to three special bills now before our Legislature.

One of these relates to the State providing Engineering Assistance to counties in location construction and maintenance of roads.

The second bill relates to the working of state convicts on public roads. The third to the State becoming security for county bonds that are issued for public roads constructions.

All these bills have their good side and are in the interest of Good Roads. We hope they will have wise and carefbl considera-tion at the hands of our Law Makers.

From the bureau of Railway economics" showing business for last November. We make the following extracts. "Operating revenues $122 per mile of line per month. Operating expense, increased $48.33 Taxes were greater than for the previons November Amounting to $46 per mile of line.

Operating income averaged $12.13 per mile of line each day in November, and amount gaeater by 3.68 than for November 1911.

For the eleven months of the calendar year the net operating ravenue per mile of line of the eastern railways, compared with the correspondiug months of the previous year, increased 4.8 per cent; that of the western railways increased 7.4 per cent, while that of the railways of the South shows a decrease of 4.5 per cent.

Miss Miller was called home last week, becaused of the illness of her mother, we hope for her mother's speedy recovery and her return.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker have returned after a pleasant visit to friends in Lynchburg.

Mr. Williams was here last Tuesday and conducted our morning prayers for us. He reports favorably concerning the fifty-thousand dollars compaign.

Mr. Hill is spending the week with his broth Dr. H. G. Hill at Maxton

In the last 23 years there has been spent on the Presbyterian Orphans' Home, Barium Springs, N. C., about $67,000 for permanent improvements, including 220 acres of land owned by the Institution, together with its buildings and other general equipment, About $23,000 of this amount was given by seven individuals, leaving 44,000 which was given by the other Presbyterians in the Synod.

This has been an average of say $2,000 a year for this period of time. This amount, $2,000, divided by more than 400 churches in the Synod, would make an average of less than $5.00 per year from each church during the life time of the Institution.

This is not a good showing as compared with what other denominations have done. The children's Home of the Western, North Carolina M. E. Conference at Winston-Salem, will have spent at the close of this years covering a period of five years, practically $100,000. And the Easter conference has spent on its home in Raleigh $107,000. The Baptist church has spent on its Orphanage at Thomasville for equipment $160,000. This includes their output for eleven dormitories, school buildings, general dinning room, printing office, Industrial building (in which they have wood working machinery, and a shoe shop,) and laundry building, general sewing room and a most thoroughly equipped Infirmary. to-gether with the usual out buildings A horse and cow barn and 460 acres of land, and water, sewerage, and lights This does not include the late gift of the Kenney land in Lenoir County valued at $100,000 on which they are now building two dormitories to cost about $7,500 each. Surely the Presbyterians of our State desire to do their full share of the Orphanage work, both in equipping the Institution and in the amount spent in maintaining the same annually.

The following is a list of improvements adjudged to be necessary by the Regents of our Home for its thorough equipment:

1. Two barns. One for the cows and one for horses.
2. The erecting of storge buildings.
3. Commodious and up to date school building.
4. A thoroughly equipped Infirmary.
5. Enlarging the Industrail building.
6. Install central heating plant.
7. Making repairs on buildings.
8. Purchase of adjacent land.
9. Enclose land for pasturage.

During its session in Charlotte in 1911 the Synod visited the Home in a body and investigated the needs of the Institution, and then heartily approved of the report made by the Regents of its needs and instructed them to raise the funds necessary for the improvements above named. Which will cost more than the $50,000 for which the Synod is asking. This is the first time that our people have ever been asked to fully equip this Home. While it is true that the church is supporting its Orphanage and caring for nearly 200 children, and doing it well, so far as maintenance is concerned, yet our people have not provided the necessary equipment, and the work of the Institution has been badly handicapped on this account. But notwithstanding our poor equipment, the Institution has accomplished an incalculable good. During the 23 years of its existence it has sheltered, educated and morally trained 600 boys and girls, who have spent an average of 4 years each in the home. Great numbers of them are now in active service and are filling useful spheres in the Church and States as ministers, physicians, teacher, nurses stenographers, printers, mechanics, farmers and home makers. As a remarkable testimony to the careful oversight of these children, there has been but 7 deaths in the home during all these years and this in face of the fact that these children were desendants of parents who were short lived; And in many cases they were predisposed to disease.

The Finance Committe of the Regents have made several efforts to secure a man to serve as Finnancial Agent and raise this Fund. They recently induced Rev. R. Murphy Williams, Greensboro, N. C. to serve in this capacity, until April first He has entered upon the work and is pushing it vigorously. Our people are urged to co-operate with him fully in the raising of the much needed money for thoroughly manning our Institution. We hope to doors of our chuches will be opened to him and those selected by him to present this cause, and that our people will respond liberally to the appeals made by him and other in its behalf.

It is hoped, too, that this leaflet may be read by many and that it may secure liberal donations from its readers for the Fund.

Contributions to this end should be sent to

Rev. W. T. Walker,
Supt. & Treas.,
Barium Springs, N. C.

ALCOHOL AND INSANITY.

Medical science is writing a large part of the indictment against alcohol, the world's great est evil. Recent statistics emanating from Paris, France, present some startling facts. In the principal asylum for the insane in the French capital exact records have been kept since 1868. The results of all this minute observation has recently been made public. says a contemporary. The records show that the porportion of male lunatics whose loss of reason is caused by drink has increased from 14 per cent. to 47 per cent; while on the female side the percentage has risen from less than two per cent. to twenty per cent. These records also show that "Of every thousend children born of alocholics, about one third disappear either at birth or in the first two or three years and among the survivors there are a large number of idiots, epileptics, many degenerates devoid of moral sense, and instinctively perverse people of abnormal impulses."

We may, and many of us do, overeat, but very few persons ever overbreath. In other words, we may get more food than is good for us, but it would be difficult for any of us to get too much good air.

Boys are not alone in their spirit of bragging about the distinguished qualities of "Dad." A number of little girls were boasting of the rank of their respective families, They had passed from clothes to personal appearance, then to interior furnishings and finally come to paternal dignity. The minister's little girl boasted:

"Every package that comes for my papa is marked D. D.

"And every package that comes for my papa is marked M. D.," retorted the daughter of the physician.

This was followed by a look of contempt from the youngest of the party. "Huh!" she exclaimed with nice disdain. "Every package that comes to our house is marked C. O. D!"

Jacob Cash, after acquiring a large fortune, decided to set up a libary. Accordingly he sent for a booksellar and ordered 10,000 volumes, all to be as fine and handsome as possible.

"Very good, sir," said the bookseller, "I'll give you nothing but standard books. I suggest that half of them to be bound in russia and half in morocco."

"Not for me," said Cash. 'I'm for American goods every time. Let 'em all be bound in this country."

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THE ORGIN OF VALENTINE'S DAY.

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observance of the day. The pictures and cards with theri poetic sentiments and the familiar cupids, hearts. and arrows are all emblems of effection and fidelity. We send them to our friends in token of friendship and enjoy receiving them as much.

The comic valentines are a modern innovation whose coming is much to be regretted. Almost always they are in the worse of taste and instead of arousing thoughts of affection and friendship, as a valentine is supposed to do, they stir unpleasantness and bitterness. They are almost never kindly. "Comics," are out of keeping with the spirit of the day and ha ve no place in its celebration.

SATURDAYS SPENT IN TOWN.

How unprofitable it is to run to town as a habit, I can remember when it was a regular part of the duties on the farm to hitch up and run into town on saturday afternoon

One day I saw a short article in one of the farm papers regarding this same subject- It said, practically, " Do not spend your time on Saturday afternoon in town if there is any possible chance to let your wife or boy go in your place. Better by far start in on the front door yard and use the mower than spend two hours coming and going be sides the time spent in loafiing after you get there."

When I first read that I thought that the fellow was a little off. Af terwards the idea seemed a little saner and finally I adopted the plan and have been steering clear of town except when absolutely necessary to be there,

The time we spend loafing in town would do a lot of fixing up around the place and it would not detract one bit from the value of the farm while it might add a great deal to its value. You know what you think when you pass by a place where the yard is smoothly mowed and there are no weeds in the corners of the yard to be used by the hens for desirable nests and dusting spots. You sort of wonder what kind of a man lives there and wish you knew him.

Suppose you were out looking for a farm and were all ready to buy provided you were suited with most of the details that sell a farm with two farms of perhaps as good soils buildings, location, roads etc, on your list and no way to decide for sure. Would you turn in favor of the farm where the yard and barnyard were filled with boxes, weeds, chickens old machinery and the like, or the yard and outbuildings where the pump was in the well the weeds not to be seen, the grass clipped and the gates on the hinges? The answer is easy. You would do what any other sane and wise man would. Take the clean-looking place even though vou knew that its other differences were no better than the untidy one.

A few months ago I was talking with a neighbor and in some way mentioned the town going habit. He remembered readingthe piece I had and said he wondered why it was that so many people were always making plans to land in town on the last day of the week. I can remember just once of seeing that man standing around on the streets of our town and that was on the day of our dry election in the country. He was then working for votes and talking with the fellows who had voted as to the possible eutcome of the contest.

—R. E. Rogers, Wood, country, O.. in Farmers' Revlew.

LIVING ON A DOLLAR A WEEK.

The plaint of the housewife who exclaimed one day on her return from the grocer's, "Well, a grocery is certalnly the place to get the least for the most money! would probably be answered by a certain noted physician, "Don't spend the 'most money.' What's the use when a healthy man can live on $1 a week?" And not only live, but "live and grow fat," he would doubtless add. For the doctor has found that this can actually be done, and proved it in the experience of two men who for some time pursued a regular diet to the improvement of their health and weight,

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